

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application. Added text is indicated by underlining, and deleted text is indicated by ~~strikethrough~~. Changes are identified by a vertical bar in the margin.

1 1-5. (canceled).

1 6. (previously presented) A pill box comprising:
2 a base having a pill cutting surface;
3 a lid connected to the base, the lid having a blade; and
4 a retractable blade guard secured to the base and engaging the lid, wherein the lid
5 comprises a cam, and wherein the blade guard is threaded over the cam.

1 7. (Original) The pill box of claim 6, wherein the blade guard is retractable
2 such that it covers the blade when the lid is open and retracts to expose the blade when the lid is
3 closed.

1 8-18. (canceled).

1 19. (previously presented) A pill box comprising:
2 a base comprising a bottom side and a top side, the top side having a pill storage
3 compartment, a pill cutting surface, and a pill grip coupled to the pill cutting surface;
4 a lid having a top side and a bottom side, the bottom side having a blade coupled
5 thereto, wherein the lid is coupled to the base by one or more hinges;
6 a retractable blade guard coupled at one end to the bottom side of the base,
7 wherein the lid comprises a cam, and wherein the blade guard is threaded over the
8 cam.

1 20-33. (canceled).

1 34. (Original) A pill box comprising:

2 a base comprising a bottom side and a top side, the top side having a pill storage

3 compartment, a pill cutting surface, and a pill grip coupled to the pill cutting surface;

4 a lid having a proximal end with a cam and a bottom side having a blade coupled

5 thereto, wherein the lid is coupled to the base by one or more hinges; and

6 a blade guard comprising a sheet coupled at one end to the bottom side of the

7 base, wherein the blade guard is threaded over the cam and is retractable such that it covers the

8 blade when the lid is open and retracts to expose the blade to the pill cutting surface when the lid

9 is closed.

1 35. (Original) The pill box of claim 34, wherein the pill grip comprises a first

2 holding arm and a second holding arm for adjustably centering a pill on the pill cutting surface

3 into alignment with the blade.

1 36. (Original) The pill box of claim 35, wherein the first holding arm

2 comprises a first portion that is rigidly coupled to the pill cutting surface and a second region that

3 is flexibly coupled to the first portion, and wherein the second holding arm comprises a first

4 portion that is rigidly coupled to the pill cutting surface and a second portion that is flexibly

5 coupled to the first portion, the first portion of the first holding arm parallel to the first portion of

6 the second holding arm, the second portion of the first holding arm and the second portion of the

7 second holding arm inwardly biased toward one another.

1 37. (Original) The pill box of claim 34, wherein the bottom side of the lid

2 comprises a first wall having a channel formed along its length and a second wall with a channel

3 formed along its length, wherein the first and second walls run parallel with each other and

4 the blade, and wherein the channels face each other.

1 38. (Original) The pill box of claim 37, wherein the channels in the first and

2 second walls receive the blade guard.

1 39-56. (canceled).

1 57. (previously presented) A kit comprising:
2 one or more pills; and
3 a pill box comprising:
4 a base having a pill cutting surface and a pill grip;
5 a lid connected to the base, the lid having a blade; and
6 a retractable blade guard secured to the base and engaging the lid,
7 wherein the lid comprises a cam, and wherein the blade guard is threaded over the
8 cam.

1 58-83. (canceled).